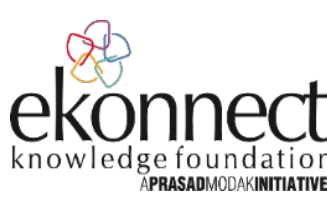




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Greetings from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

We hope you are taking care amid the rising temperatures all across the country and the world. We are happy to have you along on our journey and like every month, we are back with the highlights of the last month at EMC and Ekonnnect.

New projects awarded to EMC

- EMC has been engaged by a leading textile company in Maharashtra for conducting Resource Efficiency Opportunity Assessment of one of its plants.
- EMC has been engaged by WiseEnergy India for conducting an ESMS and HSMS Audit for a 10 MWP operating photovoltaic solar farm in the Northern region of India.

EMC's Engagement with Adani Port Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) continues

EMC was engaged by APSEZ in 2020 to develop site-specific management plans for Mundra Port, Hazira Port & Dhamra Port (that are Operational) as well as Vizhinjam Port (under construction) in accordance with the Corporate ESMS. Sixteen sets of E&S plans were developed and customized for each of the four ports. A common guidance document for Climate Change Management was developed.

APSEZ has now engaged EMC to conduct training programs on the E&S plans developed for their port teams and collect feedback on the same.

Orientation Workshop for a Gujarat State Action Plan on Circular Economy

EMC and Gujarat Cleaner Production Centre (GPCPC) have been tasked by Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) to prepare the Gujarat State Action Plan on Circular Economy. A two hour Orientation Workshop on circular economy was held with GPCB and GPCPC officers on 2 May 2023. The workshop introduced the concept of circular economy and highlighted its relevance for the Gujarat State.

The preparation of the Action Plan will be a co-creation process with the stakeholders and the project will be concluded in the next three months. This will be the first State level action plan on circular economy in India.

ESMS Workshop for Kathari Water Management Pvt Ltd

EMC was engaged by Kathari Water Management Private Limited (KWMPL) for the development of the Environmental, Social and Governance Management System (ESGMS). A three-hour virtual ESGMS Capacity Building Workshop was conducted for the KWMPL team on 26 April 2023. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the ESGMS along with all its components (Policy, Procedures, Formats) and explain it to KWMPL's team responsible for operationalizing the ESGMS. The workshop had representation from the ESG, Commercial, Technology & Engineering, Project Management, Operations, Finance and Legal teams at KWMPL.

EMC team members attend training programs

- Prahlad Tewari attended the Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop on Green Public Procurement (GPP) organized by the World Bank from 13-14 April 2023 (virtual session) followed by face to face session during 17-19 April 2023 at New Delhi. Dr. Shilpi Kapur also attended the virtual sessions of the same workshop. The main objective of this training was to improve the understanding, knowledge and skills about green public procurement in India to facilitate increased uptake of GPP.
- Prahlad Tewari attended a 3-day ToT on "Circular Economy Business Model Acceleration" toolkits being organized by adelphi in collaboration with Deshpande Startups. Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation (Ekonnnect) is now the host of SEED India Hub to promote eco-entrepreneurship.



Knowledge Session at EMC

This month, EMC commenced a series of weekly knowledge sessions starting with a topic on Creative and Analytical Thinking. Two types of creative and analytical tools were introduced such as mind mapping and causal loop diagrams. As an exercise, everyone made creative mind maps on open-pit mining projects. The second analytical tool – causal loop diagram – was then introduced. Teams worked on developing causal loop diagrams on urban flooding identifying cause and effect. The session ended with a talk from Dr Modak on system dynamics and its application for impact assessment.



Ekonnnect's ongoing partnership with SEED India Hub

To nurture eco-inclusive enterprises and to build a strong and resilient ecosystem around them **SEED** has partnered with **Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation (Ekonnnect)**. From April 2023 Ekonnnect is hosting the SEED's India Hub to scale the impacts of eco-inclusive enterprises. This partnership focuses on supporting eco-inclusive enterprises through toolkits developed by SEED; strengthening the ecosystem by supporting business development service providers, involving policy makers and financial institutions; capacitating university students and faculty through courses and curriculum development on eco-inclusive entrepreneurship; also, emphasising more on developing non-metro startup ecosystems through strategic partnerships.

"We are very happy to be the host of the SEED India Hub. This partnership will not only benefit the ecosystem of eco-inclusive entrepreneurs but help create green jobs, increase economic value of the waste streams thereby improving India's resource security and importantly provide opportunities towards sustainable finance," Dr. Prasad Modak, Founder Director, Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation, India.

"We are confident that working with Ekonnnect will open new and innovative avenues and partnerships to boost the startup sector in India for eco-inclusive enterprises. We look forward to scale and replicate the impact through strategic partnerships." Mr. Amar Munnolimath, Head of Programmes, SEED Global, Germany.

Ekonnnect has already supported SEED activities in India by implementing SEED Starter, Replicator and Catalyser programmes.



SEED Starter Mentorship Workshop

- Ekonnnect and SEED organized and conducted a SEED Starter Mentorship Workshop in Ahmedabad from 19 to 21 April 2023. This was Phase I of the workshop which was attended by 14 participants/entrepreneurs from 7 teams of start-ups. The 3-day workshop primarily guided the participants through the process of setting up their own enterprise, gaining deeper knowledge on future customers and target market, and learning pitching the business idea. The discussions were facilitated through the use of flipcharts and group activities.
- Sivaranjani Subramanian, Jay Mehta, and Sameer Kulkarni from Ekonnnect served as the workshop facilitators and mentors.



EMC Office GHG Emission Inventorization

At EMC, we walk the talk and that is why we are attempting to understand our workplace's impact on the environment. Right now, we are collecting data at both Mumbai and Ahmedabad offices to assess our greenhouse gas emissions. We will publish our results in the next issue of the Newsletter along with low carbon strategies.

Update on EMC team

EMC welcomes a new team member!

Dishant Parakh is a dedicated researcher and policy analyst with a PG Diploma from Indian Statistical Institute. His area of emphasis includes Environment Economics, Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus and Policy Analysis. He has experience with diverse organizations such as: Auroville Consulting, Chettinad Hospital and Research Institute, The Peninsula Foundation (Think-tanks); Sadhana Forest (Reforestation and Water conservation Community); India Art Fair (Art Curation) and Schoogle (Ed-Tech Start-up). His recent work at the Quality Council of India (QCI) involved drafting standards, conducting policy analysis and stakeholder management with various nodal departments such as NHA, BIS, and C-DAC. Dishant has also co-authored and presented his Scopus publications on groundwater markets and geospatial analysis of groundwater levels at various seminars and conferences. He hopes to work towards a sustainable future by bringing out traditional practices into the limelight.

Featuring EMCians

At EMC, we cherish our relationship with our alumni, including interns, and continue to stay connected on a WhatsApp group "EMCians" that now has more than 120 members. We are hence taking a step forward and introducing some of our alumni as a part of the EMC-Ekonnnect newsletter.

Amrita Kundu worked as an Intern at EMC. She earned a Masters in Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science and Management from The Johns Hopkins University. Post this, she worked with the Embassy of India in Washington, DC as a Research Intern, Economic Wing. Subsequently, she joined the World Bank as a Consultant for almost 2 years till 2014. She then earned a PhD in Management Science and Operations from the London Business School. Post this, she was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Currently, she is an Assistant Professor at the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business.

Manasi Panchamia worked at EMC as an Intern in 2018. During her time at EMC, she primarily worked on the theme of Circular Economy. Subsequently, she pursued a Master of Science in Public Policy and Management, Data Analytics from Carnegie Mellon University – Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy. Post completion of her degree in 2021, she joined the World Bank, where she continues to be employed as a Consultant.

Are you participating in the Eko-Life initiative?

We hope you are making conscious lifestyle choices and actions that contribute to a larger movement to protect and preserve the environment. Don't forget to contribute your ideas on LIFE in the twelve (12) action areas each month on <https://ekonnnect.net/eko-life/>

Register on <https://ekonnnect.net/eko-life/>, if you have not already, and join the contest to become an Eko-Warrior! Please participate and encourage others to contribute their ideas and experience on practicing sustainable lifestyles.

Internships at EMC

EMC has a robust internship program for students and young professionals willing to pursue a career in sustainability. We receive at least three applications every week!

Vipin Kumar has joined EMC as an intern. He is pursuing Masters of Public Policy (MPP) from the Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies (ADPCS) at IIT Bombay. At EMC, he is working on the theme of eco-entrepreneurship as a tool for circular economy.

At EMC, we consider an internship to be a key opportunity for learning in life. EMC's Internship program is designed to provide experiential learning to graduates/postgraduate students or those who are looking to get hands-on experience before their next academic program in the field of environmental management. To know more [click here](#).

We are hiring!

Immediate requirement: Environmental Social Governance (ESG), Circular Economy

Further, in view of our expanding business canvas, we are continuously looking to expand our team. We need people that come from interdisciplinary areas, have a passion for the environment, and have good writing and communication skills. If you have a fire in your belly and are ready to learn, then EMC is the place for you.

If interested, please visit <https://emcentre.com/careers/> and upload your application.

For more highlights and details on past projects, you can access the previous issues of our e-newsletter, [here](#)

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